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Mail Stop Amendment
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Response and Amendment to Office Action Mailed September 21, 2006

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, Applicants submit herewith this Response and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Also submitted herewith are a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and the Extension Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following Remarks/Arguments.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.